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Season of Ordinary Time

31 July 2022

Love doubles our joy and halves our grief. —Dolley Madison

Love: for therein lies true strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is oft done well. —Vincent van Gogh

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Sung Response—In All The Land Rejoice (Psalm 100), Vs. 1

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of Psalm 100:1. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "In all the land re-joice and to—the Lord cry out." and "In Wor-ship glad-ly serve the Lord for joy be-fore Him shout." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Text: Psalm 100:1, *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, Copyright © 2010 Crown and Covenant Publications;
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1894.

Call to Worship—Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

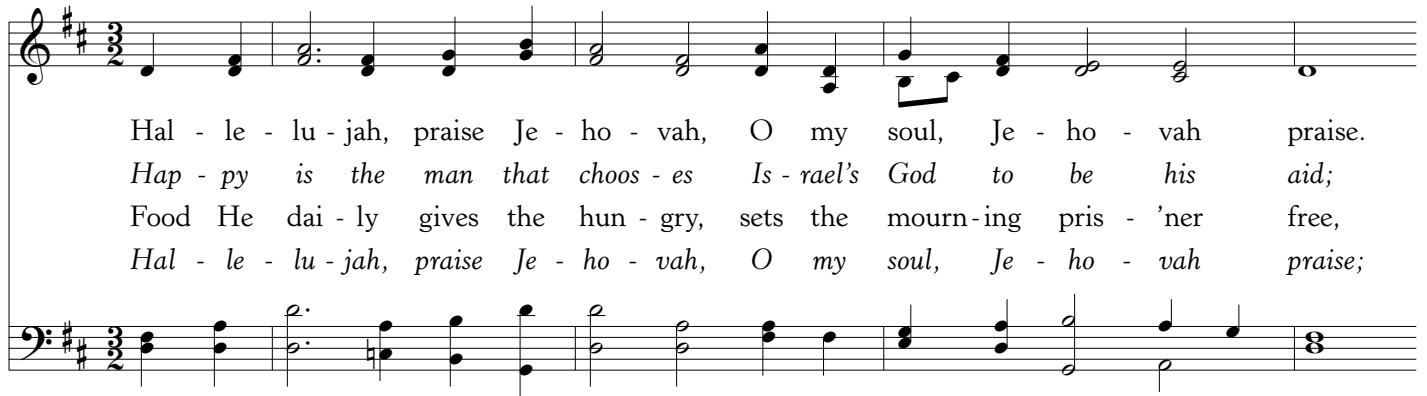
Reader 1: He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right. And He teaches the humble His way.

Reader 2: Make us to know Your ways, O Lord. Teach us Your paths.

All: Lead us in Your truth and teach us.

Pastor: For You are the God of our salvation.

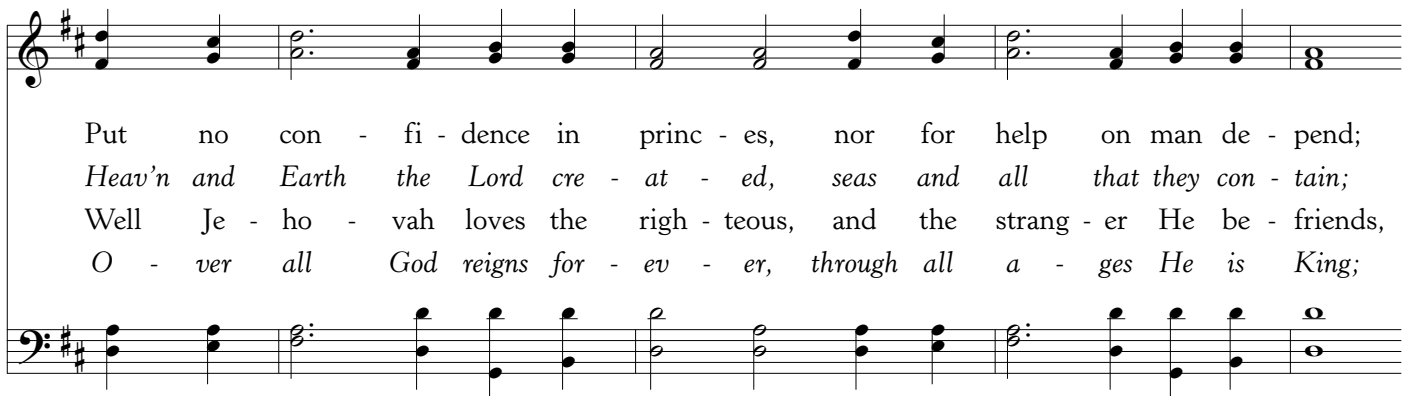
Congregational Psalm—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)



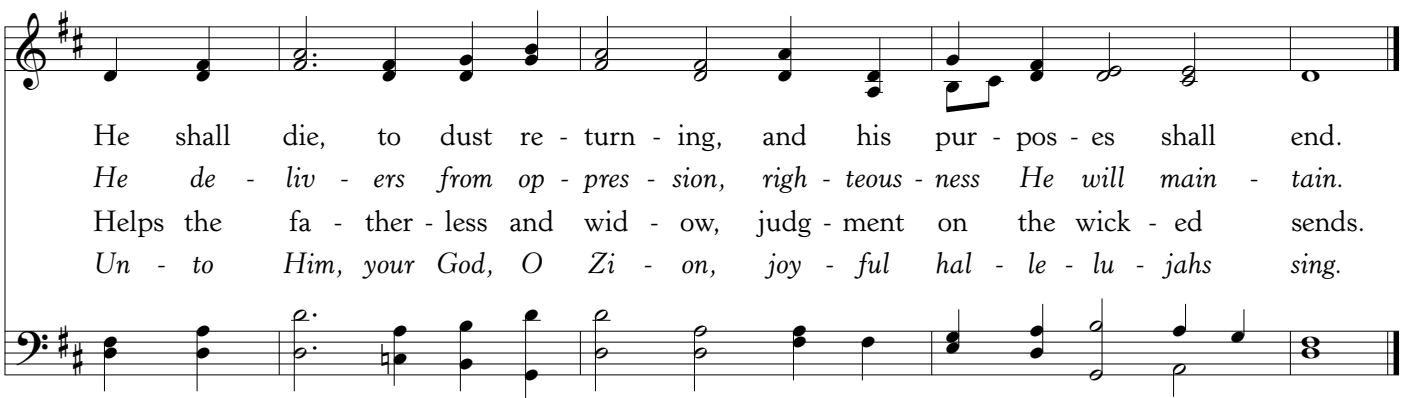
Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise.
 Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 Food He dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;



I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 He is blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 Rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.



Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and Earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er He be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges He is King;



He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 He de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness He will main - tain.
 Helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 Un - to Him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1839.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Congregational Psalm—O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good (Psalm 118)

O_ thank the Lord, for He is good, His gra - cious love en - dures.____
O_ let the house of Aar - on say, "His gra - cious love en - dures."____
In an - guish to_ the Lord I cried; the_ Lord then set me_ free.____
The Lord sup - ports me at my side, He_ gives His help to_ me;____
O_ bet - ter far to trust the Lord, than on man's help re - ly.____

O let all Is - ra - el_ now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures."____
Let those who fear_ the Lord now say, "His_ gra - cious love en - dures."____
The Lord's with me,_ I will not fear. What harm can man do me?____
And so in tri - umph I_ will look on_ all those ha - ting me.____
Yes bet - ter far_ to trust the Lord than_ men whose rank is_ high.____

Text: Psalm 118:1-9; Music: WHITE LAKE, Michael Tabon, 1999.
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Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 13:1-8

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregational Hymn—To Our Redeemer’s Glorious Name



To our Re - deem - er's glor - ious name a - wake the sac - red song:
Let won - der still with love u - nite, and gra - ti - tude and joy;
Dear Lord, while we a - dor - ing pay our hum - ble thanks to Thee,
O may the sweet, the bliss - ful theme fill ev - ery heart and tongue,



O may His love— im - mor - tal flame—tune ev - ery heart and tongue.
Be Jes - us our su - preme de - light, His praise our best em - ploy.
May ev - ery heart with glad - ness say, the Sav - ior died for me.
Till strang - ers love Thy charm - ing name, and join the sa - cred song.

Text: Anne Steel, 1760; Music: MCKEE, Traditional Irish Melody,
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939.

Reading of the Word—Philemon 1:1-9

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—May The Mind Of Christ My Savior, Vs. 4

May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;

Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;' and 'Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.'

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925; Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925.

Sermon—*This Peculiar Love*

—Pastor, George Grant

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The people of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—from Psalm 32:3-7

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We come confessing because whenever we have kept silent, our bones wasted away through groaning all the day-long.

All: **For day and night, Lord, Your hand was heavy upon us; our strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Pastor: But now we acknowledge our sin to You, and we will not cover our iniquity.

All: **So, we cry out, "We will confess our transgressions to the Lord."**

Pastor: And You readily forgive the iniquity of our sin.

All: **Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach us.**

Pastor: Lord, You are a hiding place for us.

All: **You preserve us from trouble; You surround us with songs of deliverance.**

Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11; Romans 1:16-17

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. We will therefore be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: Therefore, I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

All: **It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.**

Pastor: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Sung Response—My Jesus, I Love Thee, Vs. 2

I love Thee, be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me.

And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;

I love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow;

If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

Text: William R. Featherston, 1864; Music: GORDON, Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876.

HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCCHARISTO

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN

MEN

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might

Hea-ven and Earth are full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

full of Your glo-ry, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hos-

Lord. Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

san-na, Hos-san-na, Hos-san-na in the high-est.

Text: Traditional, based on Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; Music: CLOVERCROFT SANCTUS, Henry C. Haffner, 2019.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Congregational Hymn—My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness



My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who bore my pain;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who walks be - side;
My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to Him who reigns a - bove;

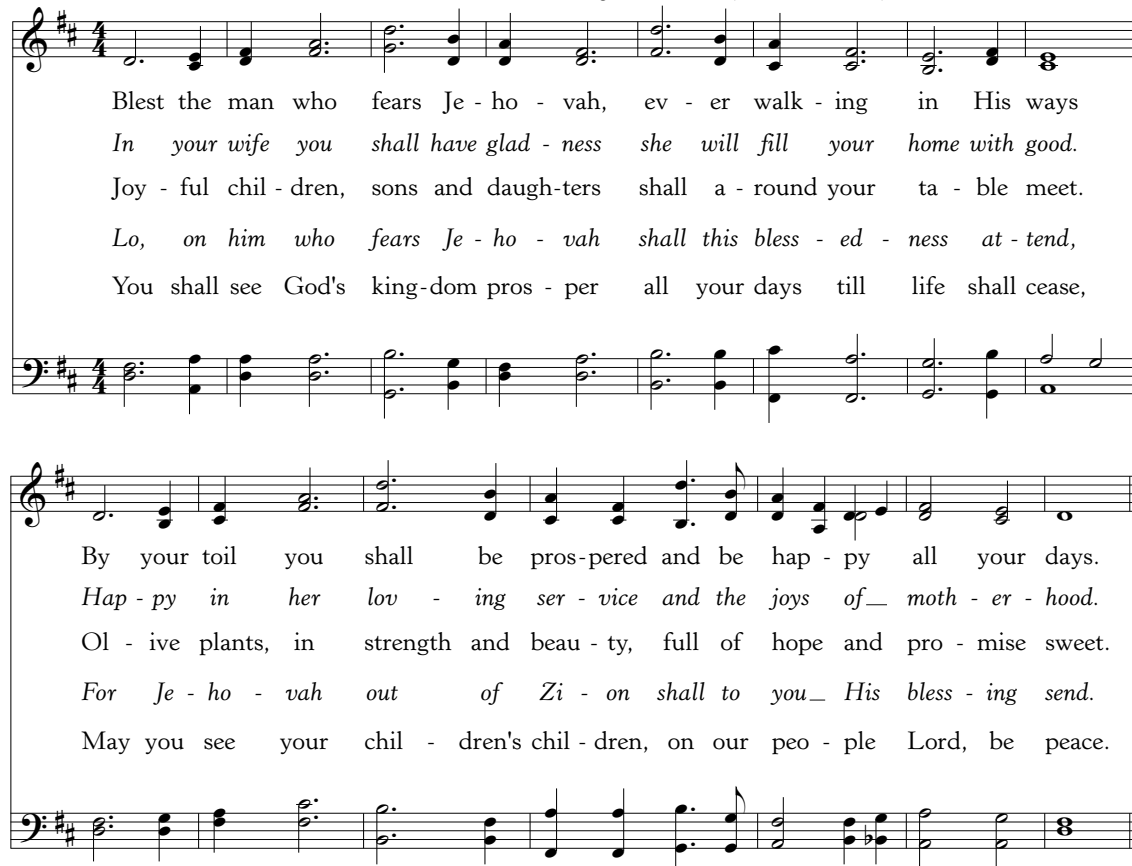
Who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
Who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es fears to fly.
Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love.

Who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me with His light
Whose ev - 'ry pro - mise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take.
For ev - 'ry day I have on Earth is giv - en by the King.

And wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
Sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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Congregational Psalm—Blest The Man Who Feels Jehovah (Psalm 128)



Blest the man who fears Je - ho - vah, ev - er walk - ing in His ways
In your wife you shall have glad - ness she will fill your home with good.
Joy - ful chil - dren, sons and daugh - ters shall a - round your ta - ble meet.
Lo, on him who fears Je - ho - vah shall this bless - ed - ness at - tend,
You shall see God's king - dom pros - per all your days till life shall cease,

By your toil you shall be pros - pered and be hap - py all your days.
Hap - py in her lov - ing ser - vice and the joys of — moth - er - hood.
Ol - ive plants, in strength and beau - ty, full of hope and pro - mise sweet.
For Je - ho - vah out of Zi - on shall to you — His bless - ing send.
May you see your chil - dren's chil - dren, on our peo - ple Lord, be peace.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, Alt. Henry C. Haffner, 2017; Music: OWL HOLLOW, Henry C. Haffner, 2017.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Congregational Hymn—What Wondrous Love Is This

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this
When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down; when I was sink - ing down
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,
Be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul,
Who is the great I AM while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing,
I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on,

For my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?
For my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: Appalachian Folk Hymn; Music: WONDROUS LOVE, William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—from Hebrews 11:1, 12:1-2

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Let us therefore run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Gloria Patri

Glor - y be__ to the Fath - er, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is__ now, and ev - er shall be,

World__ with - out end. A - men. A - - - men.

Text: Lesser Doxology, 2nd century;
Music: Nathan George, 2015, Harm. Henry C. Haffner, 2015.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

The theme of this morning's service is a familiar one, but one that we always need to be reminded of: love. We will hear of God's love for us, Jesus' loving sacrifice on our behalf, our duty to love God and our neighbors, and how this love affects our lives and actions. We are invited into worship with an imperative from 1 John to "love one another just as I have loved you," followed by a declaration from Psalm 25 that "the paths of the Lord are steadfast love." We respond by singing the psalms back to God, describing Him as one who "loves the righteous" (*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah—Psalm 146*) and whose "gracious love endures" (*O Thank The Lord, For He Is Good—Psalm 118*). The reading from 1 Corinthians paints a detailed picture of the attributes of love, and Philemon is commended because Paul has heard of his love for Christ and the saints (Philemon 1:5, 7). We pray in song for this love to fill our own hearts (*May the Mind Of Christ My Savior*) and the hearts of all men (*To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name*). Having been assured of pardon for our sins, we profess our love for Jesus because He first loved us (*My Jesus, I Love Thee*). The communion hymns focus on living out the duty of love: we pledge ourselves to "love and follow" our Savior "whose every thought is love" (*My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness*), while the Lord promises incredible blessing to those who walk in His way of love (*Blest The Man Who Feels Jehovah—Psalm 128*). Though it is a familiar message, so familiar it borders on cliché, I pray that we never take lightly the "wondrous love" that caused Christ to lay aside His crown for our souls—a love that transforms everything and everyone. —Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Love, Faith, Effective, Joy, Comfort
Keystone Verse: For, love's sake I prefer to appeal to you. (Philemon 1:9)



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